

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EL626321247US addressed to: Mail Stop DD, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this <u>19th</u> day of November, 2003.

Serial No.:

10/645,243

Filed:

August 21, 2003

Art Unit:

2873

Applicants: Michael Trunz

Dr. Alexander Hinz

Title:

HOLDING DEVICE FOR AN OPTICAL ELEMENT

Mail Stop DD Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the disclosures listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith are called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. These disclosures are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date or prior to the receipt of an Office Action on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97; thus, no fee should be required. However, if a fee is required, please charge same to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-2625.

As indicated on Form PTO-1449, English translations of references 6,7, 8 and 9 are not included. However, reference 1 is an English language counterpart of reference 7; reference 2 is an English language counterpart of reference 9; reference 3 is an English language counterpart of reference 6 and reference 4 is an English language counterpart of reference 8.

The Examiner is invited to review the subject matter of these references, and independently assess the teachings and materiality of each, if any, to the pending claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), no admission is made that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

23573
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

By:

Donald S. Showalter Reg. No. 33,033

Holland & Knight LLP One East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1300 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301 (954) 468-7879 (phone) (954) 463-2030 (fax) don.showalter@hklaw.com (e-mail)

1382340_v1

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if newsary)

MOV 1 9 2003

Docket Number (Optional) 072261.00008 Application Number

1

10/645,243

Applicant(s)

Michael Trunz, Dr. Alexander Hinz

Filing Date

Group Art Unit

2873

August 21, 2003

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	1	6,485,681	11/26/02	Commandeur, et. al.	420	537	03/01/00	
	2	6,086,819	07/11/00	Commandeur, et. al.	419	5	08/28/96	
	3	6,030,577	02/29/00	Commandeur, et. al.	419	28	08/28/96	
	4	6,369,959	04/09/02	Trunz, et. al.	359	819	06/06/00	
	į							
**								
						 		
	<u> </u>	L		FOREIGN DA TENT DOCUMENT			<u> </u>	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
	<u> </u>						YES	NO
_	5	EP0298058B1	09/22/93	Europe	G02B	7/02	1	
	6	DE19532244C2	07/02/98	Germany	B23P	13/00		1
	7	DE19532252A1	03/06/97	Germany	B22F	9/08		1
	8	DE19930643C2	01/24/02	Germany	B02B	7/00		1
	9	DE19532253C2	07/02/98	Germany	B23P	13/00		1

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Auth

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

10	Undated Brochure entitled: "DISPAL- Das Werkstoffspektrum"
11	Undated Brochure entitled: "DISPAL - Geometrien and Weiterverarbeitung"

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.